

ISAAC PHILLIPS.

[To accompany bill H. R. 594.]

DECEMBER 12, 1856.

Mr. BROOM, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

## REPORT.

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Phillips, of Pennsylvania, praying for an increase of his pension, report:*

That they have carefully examined the proofs sent from the Pension Office to your committee, on which his claim to a pension was allowed; and it appears by the certificate of the comptroller of New York that the said Isaac Phillips, July 31, 1780, received a certificate for £6 13s. 4d.; November 30, 1780, received another certificate for £10 13s. 4d.; December 1, 1781, received another certificate for £10 9s. 9d.; January 1, 1782, received another certificate for £3 9s., for his services in the revolutionary war, in the militia of the State of New York, covering in all a year's service, from the pay received, which year's service, in the aggregate, is corroborated by a credible witness, who testifies that she saw him in said service a year or more, though she was unable to give the details of said service.

It appears that the Pension Office allowed the claimant only for six months' service, and placed him on the pension roll at the rate of \$20 a year. From the facts, as they appear to your committee, they think he ought to have been allowed one year's service at least, from the record evidence from the comptroller of said State. In consequence of the advanced age of said Phillips, and his loss of memory at the time of making his declaration, he was unable to give satisfactorily the details of his service, and it is not uncertain that the service proved by the woman was other service than that proved by the certificate of the comptroller of the State of New York, and that he actually served longer than he himself was able to state. He is now verging on one hundred years of age, and the small pittance he receives is wholly inadequate to his support. And as there are but few left of these venerable patriots of the Revolution on whom the government can much longer bestow its grateful acknowledgments, your committee recommend an additional allowance, and report a bill to that effect.

